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The Doctoral Program in Environmental Science & Management
and MSU Sustainability Seminar Series Present:

WETLANDS NOW! What are wetlands and what does USEPA Region 2 do to protect them?

WHEN: February 22, 3:45 pm WHERE: Online via Zoom

Marco Finocchiaro

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2



Marco Finocchiaro is Chief of the Wetlands Protection Section at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 in New York City. Marco a graduate of Montclair State University with a B.S. (2012) and M.S. (2014) in Aquatic and Coastal Sciences. In 2015, he started at USEPA Region 5 in Chicago working on enforcement of unauthorized Clean Water Act Section 404 wetland and stream impacts and interagency coordination on federal wetlands permitting and jurisdictional determinations. He brought his talents to the Wetlands Protection Section at USEPA Region 2 in 2019 and came on as Section Chief in 2020. He and his team play a key role in the protection and restoration of aquatic resources in New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Wetlands are important features in the landscape that provide numerous benefits for people and for fish and wildlife. Some of these benefits include protecting and improving water quality, providing fish and wildlife habitats, sustaining cultural uses, and storing floodwaters. In this presentation, Marco Finocchiaro will introduce us to how USEPA Region 2 accomplishes national wetland program goals, including increasing the quantity and quality of these valuable resources, through establishing standards for reviewing discharges that affect wetlands, conserving and restoring wetland acreage, and improving wetland condition in partnership with other federal agencies, as well as states, tribes, local governments.

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